

**Abstract**

A binding device for binding pulp bales 13 with wire 12 drawn from a wire magazine comprises a feed means 20 for feeding and tightening the wire, a guide means 14 for guiding the wire round the bale 13 during forward feeding thereof, means 17 for cutting the tightened wire and twisting together the ends thereof, and a take-up unit 34 for taking up the slack loop of wire 33 arising from the tightening of the wire. A spring-loaded device 30 adjacent to the feed means damps the jerk which occurs when the slack loop 33 of wire runs out and wire 12 begins to be drawn from the magazine.